Supply and Sale Price of Rice

3213. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the price being charged by Government for rice being supplied to Gujarat State for public distribution system;

(b) the price charged by Gujarat State while distributing rice through public distribution system; and

(c) the prices charged while distributing rice in Adivasi areas, rural areas and in the urban areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c).The Central issue prices of rice for PDS are given below. They are applicable uniformly to all the States including Gujarat:

Variety of rice	Price per quintal (Rs.)
Common .	. 244
Fine ■	304
Superfine .	325

The retail consumer prices for PDS are fixed by the Gujarat State Government taking into account the Central issue prices and their own distribution costs. The ITDP end retail prices of rice, at present, fixed by Government of Gujarat, are Rs. 220, Rs. 280 and Rs. 300 for common, fine and superfine varieties of rice respectively.

Central.assistance to the States deficit in foodgrains production

3214. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government gives any assistance to States which are deficit in the production of foodgrains; and

(b) if so, whether the assistance given enables them to increase agricultural production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Central assistance is provided to the States on the basis of the crop development schemes required to be implemented in each State, depending upon the potential and scope for maximisation of foodgrains production in the State. The Central assistance for particular scheme helps the States to enable them to increase the production of that particular commodity.

Target for construction of houses under Indira Awas Yojana in Orissa

3215. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE bs pleased to stave i

(a) the details of targets fixed for construction of houses under the Indira Awas Yojana. in Orissa for the last three years;

(b) the extent to which these targets have been achieved and the number of families benefited during the each year; and

(c) if targets were not achieved in any years, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OE RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) The number of houses which could be constructed in Orissa during the last three financial years namely, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 out